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CORE LIBRARY OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to set up core library of minerals to systematically preserve samples;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the site identified therefor;

(c) the objective behind setting up of the aforesaid library;

(d) the time by which the proposed library is likely to be set up; and

(e) the funds allocated for the same in the current year ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines ,has decided to set up core libraries for systematic preservation of drill core samples at different locations in India. By now, it has set up core libraries in:

Northern Region at Aliganj Office Complex, Lucknow. Western Region at Akwali, Jhunujhunu district, Rajasthan. Central Region at Seminary Hills, GSI office complex, Nagpur. Eastern Region at Bhubaneswar office complex Orissa and Southern Region at Bandlaguda office complex Hyderabad.

(c) : The main objective behind setting up of the library is to develop and maintain National drill core libraries for the benefit of geoscientists and mineral exploration agencies. Anyone interested in the physical studies of the core samples will be able to access the Core Library.

(d) : The setting up of the drill core libraries at different centers began during Field Season 2003-04. These are ongoing programmes and are being continued.

(e) : There is no special budget for setting up of core libraries. The activity is funded by GSI out of its Central Budget.